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## Editorial Comment

### Celebration Will Be Big Success.

It certainly affords us great pleasure to note that the Phoenix Republican refers to Prescott as the "hub of the Labor Day celebrations in the Territory."

We infer from that statement that the Republican regards the Queen City of the Territory as the place where the biggest of all observances will be held on the day which is especially and entirely devoted to labor.

The Republican, which is always fair and which is a keen judge of affairs, has stated the proposition entirely correct. Prescott will be the "hub," if you wish to call it such, of the Labor Day celebrations in the Territory. Our celebration will be the biggest, best and grandest in the entire Territory.

Prescott never has been known to do things save on a plane that leaves every other city in the Territory behind. This year is to be no exception. Our citizens who have had this matter in charge have done their work well. They have had difficulties to surmount but they have met every single one and have conquered and as a result the residents of the Mountain City and the visitors from Humboldt, McCabe, Kirkland, Wickenburg, Phoenix and other places, who will come here to spend the holiday will find amusement and entertainment on a scale that will be a most pleasing surprise to them.

It will be but one more of the numerous proofs that Prescott believes always in doing things on a larger scale than any other city in the Territory.

### The Welcome to the President.

It is a matter of much regret to our citizens that President William H. Taft on the occasion of his visit to Arizona in October will probably not reach Prescott until after sundown. It would have been much preferable had the chief executive of the nation been able to get here as originally planned at 6:30 p. m., so that he might have enjoyed a drive about the prettiest and most picturesque city in the entire Territory but inasmuch as he will probably be detained in Phoenix longer than had been anticipated, Prescott must do its entertaining at the hour when the electric lights brightly glow.

However, with the characteristic Prescott energy and adaptability to meet all emergencies, the arrangements committee has already gotten matters under way for the night reception to the President. The welcome will be fully as cordial and as enthusiastic as if the chief executive were to come here before sundown.

It is earnestly desired that all citizens aid in making the reception the best that the President shall experience on his southwestern trip. Phoenix is certain to turn out in large numbers to greet Taft and Prescott must not be behind the Capital City. In fact it would be a grievous disappointment if the Mountain City did not outshine the Capital City even though Phoenix has the advantage of day entertainment while Prescott must do the honors in the evening.

It therefore behooves every citizen regardless of any party affiliations to turn out and aid the general arrangements committee in making the greeting to the chief executive the warmest and most enthusiastic that he has received on his entire trip. It is his plain duty as a loyal resident of this city.

With Taft carrying away a most favorable and pleasing impression of this city, Prescott will be the gainer in many ways and the returns to the Mountain City will repay many fold the time and energy expended in preparing for the reception.

It must not be forgotten that the President will stop in only two cities while passing through Arizona—one will be Phoenix and the other will be Prescott. These two places have a big task on their shoulders. They must represent the entire Territory. They must let the President know that Arizonans are wide-awake, up-to-date, progressive people and the best way for Prescottians to demonstrate this fact in the limited time the President will stop in the two cities is by turning out in large numbers to give him a most hearty welcome to our city and making his hour's stay in the Mile-High City the pleasantest of his entire trip.

Let those pestiferous cows which persist in spoiling the lawns and flower beds at Ft. Whipple not take too much to heart the fact that a scientist can make butter out of petroleum. The average resident of Prescott will prefer to have the good, old-fashioned butter made in the old-fashioned way with the historic churn.

## The Arizona Soldier Lads.

It will not be the boys in blue but it will be the boys in khaki, who, within the short space of three weeks will begin pouring into Prescott. From the highlands of the north, from the fertile and highly productive lowlands of the central and southwestern sections, from the rugged but rich mining districts of the great Territory of Arizona and the future greater state of the same name, will come to the Queen City for their annual encampment lasting one week, commencing September 12 and terminating September 19, the soldier lads.

Any city may be pardoned if it swells somewhat with pride over the news that it has landed a national guard encampment. These annual outings of one week's duration each year during which the citizen soldiery play the military game as if they were real warriors is a matter of much importance.

The winning of the encampment for Prescott is but another striking illustration of the enterprise of the Prescott boosters. It is but another proof that the Queen City representatives get what the ygo after. It is not with the blare of trumpets and the sounding of symbols that these boosters work. They move in ways not mysterious but more quiet, more dignified. They demonstrate on any proposition whether it be securing the militia for their annual summer maneuvers or whether it be any other matter that Prescott has "the goods." This fact they show in a manner most convincing and conclusive.

And does this policy pay richly? The national guard matter would seem to answer the question most completely. Prescott got what every other city in Arizona would have been most delighted to win and the Queen City came out ahead simply because her citizens are wide awake to every opportunity. They go out and get things instead of hanging back and then wringing their hands and lamenting about "what might have been." Prescott is proud to entertain her fellow-citizens from all over the Territory, and it is delighted to have the opportunity to make their acquaintance. There is just one shadow in all this sunshine and that is the fear that Colonel McClintock through his strict conscientious sense of duty will not permit his boys to accept all of the hospitality that Prescott is willing and anxious to extend. But here's hoping that the Colonel will be lenient and that the encampment will be the most successful in its history.

### ANYONE AIDING BOXING WILL BE ARRESTED

Will Prescott see a boxing exhibition as planned on Labor day?

—United States Attorney J. L. B. Alexander, who was in Prescott yesterday, says not. He declares that the United States marshal's office will interfere and stop any proposed go whether it be a "prize fight or only a boxing exhibition."

Chairman J. B. Kohl of the general Labor day committee, says that he thinks the United States attorney is unduly severe. He states that the proposed boxing exhibition will be nothing more than Sullivan and Kilrain gave in Phoenix in the home town of the United States attorney. He adds that the proposed contest on Labor day is not to be for a purse and that no admission is to be charged.

And this is the present status of the affair. If it is necessary to call off the contest in which Earl Chappell of Phoenix, and Kid Kirby of Prescott, were to be the principals, it will occasion much regret among the lovers of the fistie art.

It had been arranged to make this friendly boxing exhibition one of the attractions in the sport line during the celebration. There had been no thought on the part of the men who arranged the exhibition to have any decision or to conduct the affair in any manner as a prize fight is conducted. They say that they merely wanted to give a friendly boxing exhibition.

United States Attorney Alexander said yesterday: "If the men arranging the prize fight or boxing contest or whatever you may be pleased to call it, were familiar with the federal statutes they would go slow. I don't suppose that they realize that all who aid or abet or take part in any way in any prize fight or boxing contest for money or for a prize, either directly or indirectly, are guilty of a felony."

"The law on this matter is very plain and as the government attorney in this territory, I shall surely see that the law is enforced to the letter. To a certainty if this thing is pulled off arrests will follow and I do not care how prominent the parties interested may be, they will be arrested and prosecuted if they go ahead and violate the law."

"I give this fair warning in advance for myself and the United States marshal will not sit idly by and see the law openly violated."

When informed of the statements made by the United States attorney, Chairman Kohl of the Labor day committee, said:

"I do not see why Alexander singled out Prescott. We are going to have nothing more than Sullivan and Kilrain gave—just simply a boxing exhibition. We have been informed by Prescott attorneys that in giving a boxing exhibition we are violating no statute."

"It strikes me that the United States attorney would do well to start in his home city and stop boxing contests such as the Sullivan-Kilrain af-

fair there, if he is not to allow Prescott to have a similar event.

"It was never planned to have a prize fight here. All that we desire to give is a friendly exhibition in the ring. It had not been intended to charge admission and no purse was to be hung up. There is nothing about our proposed exhibition which in any way resembles a prize fight and I do not see why the United States attorney should be called upon to interfere and spoil one of our sporting events."

So there you are.

### DEVELOPMENT FOR YEAGER CANYON CLAIMS

(From Thursday's Daily)

After several days of an examination made of the properties of the Arizona Verde Copper and Gold Mining company, located in Yeager Canyon, south of Jerome, Messrs. A. A. C. Ames, the president and general manager of the Mineral Lands Finance company, of San Francisco, and Fred Craumer, the secretary and treasurer of the same company, have decided to take it over and begin the work of developing the group.

These gentlemen left yesterday for their home, and gave out a statement to this effect. Associated with them in the enterprise are Dr. J. C. Harver, F. C. McGuire and E. E. Parmelee, prominent mining men of California, who will soon visit the ground and begin work on the group acquired, which comprise 15 locations. These claims are located in an established mineral zone and adjoin the Yeager Canyon mine on the north.

The Mineral Lands and Finance company is extensively identified with financing mining enterprises, and Messrs. Craumer and Ames, their representatives, stated before leaving Prescott that their firm had raised considerable sums of money for this industry, and capital enough was guaranteed by them to permit of deep mining for the new Yeager Canyon project.

In speaking of the new project, Messrs. Ames and Craumer stated that it was certainly attractive, and from limited development enough was in existence to merit the investment decided upon. A tunnel 160 feet long runs into the vein, and various cuts and holes are scattered at various points, all giving excellent mineral rating. The claims of the company lie on a schist belt that strikes south from Jerome and is cut by numerous iron dykes, forming a system of desirable prospects.

The backers of this new mining project feel very enthusiastic over acquiring the ground and state that the possibilities of opening up another bonanza in the famous Black Hills are of the brightest.

### BURIED BY LANDSLIDE.

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Aug. 30.—Driven away by a second slide which forced them to flee for their lives, a rescue party digging for Angelo Rappoli, who was buried alive in the first slide was compelled to abandon the man to his fate.

# CAMERON CONFIDENT STATEHOOD IS NEAR

## Arizona's Delegate Will Pay Visit To The Mountain City Within A Short Time.

(From Tuesday's Daily)  
Delegate Ralph Cameron reached Ash Fork Saturday evening from Flagstaff on a brief business visit, and returned to his home a few hours later. He was met by Secretary Geo. U. Young, and territorial matters were talked over. Mr. Cameron made the public announcement while at Ash Fork that he was confident that when congress convened on December 6 the statehood admission bill will have the right of way and there was no question whatever but what it would pass.

He is enthusiastic over the admission of Arizona being practically a settled one, and believes that elements heretofore opposed to the measure will readily appreciate the con-

ditions commercially and financially existing, together with the heavy increase in population that has followed in the last year, and will harmoniously support the movement.

In addition to his personal belief on this vital question, Mr. Cameron states that President Taft is back of the movement and will exert his influence toward the passage of the bill through both houses. Mr. Cameron is in a position to speak advisedly and authoritatively, and this news coming so soon after the termination of the special session, is indeed gratifying.

In a few days Mr. Cameron expects to visit all sections of the territory, and will spend several days in this city before going to the south.

## APACHE INDIAN HAS HORRIBLE DEATH

### Electric Shock Which He Received Proved Fatal

(From Tuesday's Daily)  
After one month of untold agonies and the most intense suffering, an Apache Indian from the Verde valley, who was caught on a live wire from the line of the Arizona Power company, died at Mayer yesterday afternoon.

Attending this accident, but little could be learned, other than the man was engaged in duties as a laborer when the line was being strung, and was not familiar with the effect of handling the wires that were charged with the electrical current. Immediately after the accident he was taken to the Mayer hospital, and an effort was made by the physician at that place to treat his wounds. But as time went by it was soon realized that human agency was fruitless. His arms and limbs were burned, while that portion of his body at other points that was reached by the current was likewise affected. His flesh on the arms and legs began to decay and drop off and his physical appearance was a ghastly one from one end of his person to the other.

His sufferings were excruciating until death relieved him of his earthly misery. This is the first fatality from coming in contact with the wires of this company since the line has left the camp of this company at Fossil Creek.

### HEAVY LOSSES.

(From Tuesday's Daily)  
C. B. Coulson, of the Verde valley, well known in this city as well, reached town yesterday. He says that the wagon road up the Cherry Creek hill is in a frightful condition, and at times he was compelled to fix the same before he could pass along. But a small load can be pulled at this point, while at other places bad washouts are also seen. He says the fruit crop on the Verde this year is the heaviest in its history, but that two-thirds will be a total loss, there being no market, and the distance to this city is too far to transport it over bad roads that lead out of the valley. The fruit loss, he says, will reach several thousands of dollars. He will return today to his ranch, and will be accompanied by Mrs. Coulson, who has been spending several days in the city.

### ENGLISH POLITICAL SITUATION.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—The greatest sensation in the budget campaign occurred today when Lord Rosebury accepted an invitation from the business men of Glasgow to speak at an anti-budget meeting there on September 10. Rosebury's attitude on the subject up to the present had been doubtful.

## WICKENBURG ALSO HAS STRONG MEN

### Billy Neagle Says His Team Will Win First Prize

(From Tuesday's Daily)  
Look out for Wickenburg!

The sturdy miners from the bustling camp along the Santa Fe, Prescott & Phoenix, are coming to the Queen City with a sturdy team of tug-of-war men which they proudly announce will pull every other team across the line so speedily that the spectators will scarcely realize what is happening.

And here is some dope kindly sent in by Billy Neagle, captain of the Wickenburg team. Everybody in Prescott knows Neagle, who was formerly one of our citizens, and while it will really be more or less painful to defeat the pride of Wickenburg led on by Neagle, nevertheless after seeing the Prescott tug-of-war team in action one can come to no other conclusion than that Prescott will win.

Of course it is admitted that Wickenburg has an anchor man who weighs 300 pounds and who is said to have but ten ounces of fat in his entire makeup, the rest being real muscle.

However, a Taft-like anchor man is not going to scare the Prescott strong men and they will go into the fray just as if they were pulling down a paper house and they expect to win the tug-of-war almost as easily.

Here are the men on whom Prescott pins her faith: Day, anchor; George Anderson, Joe Massing, Frank Massing, Jean Neagle and Bob Robbins, with Max Waldbart as coach.

### TO COMBINE RESERVES.

Headquarters Will Be Established In the Old Pueblo.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Aug. 30.—The Coronado and Garces national forests in south central Arizona will be combined under one administration, with headquarters at Tucson, on September 1. The two forests will retain their present names, and Supervisor Robert J. Sellkirk, of the Coronado, will be in charge of both. Supervisor W. H. B. Kent, who has been in charge of the Garces forest, with headquarters at Nogales, has been designated to start the administration of the two new national forests in Florida.

### CALIFORNIA FAIR OPENS.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Aug. 30.—The California State fair for 1909 opened today with three new exhibition buildings filled with the largest collection of exhibits ever gathered together in this state. Extra accommodations are being provided for belated exhibitors who cannot find room.